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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.

And One MOre Thing; Why do you people who have more funds than you really need, keep grasping for more, by targeting the poorest and the disabled, those you know, who really can't oppose any thing, and using those funds to fatten your own pocket.

Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

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